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► Matthew Murphy walks down the hallway with his friends and family at Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax on Thursday.

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Shooting lands man five years in prison

Matthew Murphy was sentenced to five years in prison for his role in the shooting outside the IWK in 2008. He was the last of four people sentenced in the case. Story, page 3.

Decision day coming for Chisholm

► Dartmouth-Cole Harbour MP to announce whether he's going for NDP leadership job



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Robert Chisholm is expected to toss his hat in the federal NDP leadership ring this weekend.

The rookie MP will make "a very special announcement" at Alderney Landing on Sunday at 11 a.m.

It's the same place he was officially confirmed as a candidate for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour almost 10 months ago to the day — an event that drew a visit from the late Jack Layton, the man Chisholm now hopes to replace.

The former leader of the provincial NDP went on to defeat Liberal incumbent Mike Savage by a narrow margin.

Chisholm was holding his cards close to his chest on Thursday, saying the beauty of holding an announcement is that you don't

have to disclose what it's about until the announcement.

"(The leadership) been a question that I've pondered. And I figured it was time to say where I've come down on it," he said Thursday.



► Robert Chisholm

He'd be facing some heavy-weight opponents. Former NDP President Brian Topp, the NDP's Quebec lieutenant Thomas Mulcair, fellow rookie MP

Romeo Saganash, B.C. MP Nathan Cullen, and Ottawa MP Paul Dewar have all entered the race.

Nova Scotia businessman Martin Singh is also in the mix, and the NDP's finance critic, Peggy Nash, is expected to announce her intentions on Friday.

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Man gets five years at tearful shooting trial

► Murphy also received a lifetime firearms ban and orders to provide DNA samples to database ► Accused's friends had a 'negative influence.' Crown



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Walking into the courtroom, Matthew Murphy, the last of four men convicted in relation to the 2008 IWK shooting, had just one thing to say to reporters.

"Hopefully, when I get out, I'll be a better person."

Murphy, 26, received five years for each charge of conspiracy to commit murder and attempted murder. He will serve them concurrently.

Without a lawyer, Murphy pleaded for mercy from the court. He was convicted in June for his role in the shooting of Jason Hallett.

He said he didn't know what was going to happen on Nov. 18, 2008 when he got into Jeremy Leblanc's Mustang.

Leblanc got a call that a gang rival Jason Hallett was visiting the maternity ward at the IWK Health Centre, and from there, Leblanc orchestrated the shooting.

Aaron Marriott fired and injured Hallett in his car outside the children's hospital.

"I truly was at the wrong place at the wrong time with the wrong people," Murphy told Justice Kevin Coady Thursday



► The last of four men convicted in the shooting outside the IWK hospital in 2008, Matthew Murphy, received a five-year prison sentence on Thursday.

morning.

He said he didn't deserve the six to eight years the Crown attorney was asking for.

"I know it's a horrible offence and where it was located ... but I didn't know what was going down," he told the court.

He was overcome with tears several times, especially when his mother, Pat Hamer, addressed the court. He clutched the table for support as she spoke.

Roles in shooting

Other men convicted and sentenced for their roles in the IWK shooting:

► Aaron Marriott, the shooter, received 15 years.

"He's not a bad kid and I know in my heart he'd never hurt anybody," she said.

Coady said Murphy might not have known at first the shooting would

► Jeremy Leblanc, dubbed the mastermind, received 10 years added on to a 16-year sentence for another crime.

► Shaun Smith, Marriott's driver, received 10 years.

happen, but neither did he get out of the car when it became obvious.

"There was a clear indication that there was murder in the air," Coady said.

Wiretap solidified Crown's case

A wiretap set up the very day of the IWK shooting was instrumental in convicting Matthew Murphy.

After a year-long investigation, police officers asked a judge to sign an order for a wiretap on cellphones on Nov. 18, 2008.

A few calls later, police had recorded the entire plan to shoot Jason Hallett, a known associate of the Melvin crime family.

Crown attorney Denise Smith said there was no doubt the wire as well as the IWK's video-surveillance tapes were instrumental in this case.

"Had Mr. Murphy voice not been recorded in those communications, had he not taken the phone and relayed instructions on how to find Jason Hallett to the person who in fact shot Jason Hallett, he would never have been convicted," she told reporters.

Murphy was also convicted in January of traf-



► Denise Smith

ficking based on evidence from the same wiretap. He had no prior criminal record.

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► The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Eagle sails in Halifax Harbour in this file photo from the Tall Ships Nova Scotia 2009 event.

Tall ships will be back in port

► Province spending \$780,000 on 2012 tall ships event ► About 40 vessels expected to participate



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Next summer, dozens of masts and sails will appear on the horizon of the Halifax harbour, led by a familiar tugboat.

The Waterfront Development Corp. announced the details of Tall Ships Nova Scotia 2012 at a press conference on Thursday.

From July 19 to 23, the tall ships — exact numbers and names are to be announced — will stop in Halifax, then carry on to eight other ports in the province.

Theodore Too will sail with the ships up the Eastern Seaboard and lead them into the Halifax Harbour.

The bulk of the ships are

participating in the Tall Ships Challenge — Atlantic Coast 2012 Race.

"It begins down in Savannah, Georgia, and the last finish line is here in Nova Scotia," said Colin MacLean, president and CEO of Waterfront Development Corp.

Several other navy ships from Europe, North America and South America will be invited to the event.

Parks Canada is contributing historical animators to commemorate the bicentennial anniversary of the War of 1812. Similar programming will be featured in several other ports around the province.

"It will be re-creations of activities you might have seen in 1812," MacLean said.

Ship stops

► Ports of call for Tall Ships Nova Scotia 2012: Halifax, Port Hawkesbury, Louisbourg, Sydney, Lunenburg, Shelburne, Yarmouth, Pictou, Pugwash.

The last time the tall ships were here, in 2009, 94,000 tourists came in for the event and the economic impact was \$32.8 million.

MacLean is hoping the 2012 event will do more.

"I think there's a way to pitch this that's really going to attract people," he said.

"We know the American audience is going to be very intrigued with the connection to the War of 1812."

Last cruise ship docks

Over 200,000 people cruised into Halifax this year.

Thursday marked the last cruise ship to dock in Halifax harbour for 2011, with the season-ending totals seeing 122 vessels arrive with more than

240,000 passengers.

That includes 10,000 passengers on Oct. 6, the season's busiest day.

The last arriving ship, The Jewel of the Seas, docked at Halifax Seaport on Thursday, bringing 2,000 passengers.

The cruise ship industry in Halifax brings an estimated \$50 million for the province each year. ● METRO

Longer hospital hours

The Cobequid Community Health Centre in Sackville will extend its emergency hours early next year. The province announced Thursday \$1.5 million is going to the hospital, in part towards extending its emergency hours from 7 a.m. to midnight. ● METRO

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► Theodore Too sails in Halifax Harbour in this file photo from the Tall Ships Nova Scotia 2009 event.

Theodore tugboat en route to U.S.

► This winter will be vessel's first active off-season



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As Percy Paris, tourism minister, puts it: "Who could resist those tugboat eyes?"

Theodore Too tugboat, made famous by the 1980's children's television show and now owned by Murphy's, is making a

promotional run to the United States this winter.

On Thursday the boat left for Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where it will participate in the Winterfest Boat Parade in December.

In fact, Theodore will lead the massive parade, which attracts over one million spectators and is televised nationally.

"We'll have a variety of

stakeholders on board and we're going to be doing the parade and promoting Nova Scotia tourism, and that's going to be huge media value," said Jeff Farwell, general manager of Murphy's.

After the parade, Theodore will travel with the Tall Ships Challenge – Atlantic Coast 2012 Race up the East Coast.



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This review will take place over the coming months and the Minister's Round Table is seeking comments from the public.

Written feedback can be submitted before the submission deadline of **December 16, 2011** to EGSPAreview@gov.ns.ca, online at <http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/EGSPAreview>, or by mail to:

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Air Miles users will no doubt raise their glasses to this announcement.

Nova Scotia Liquor Corp. president and CEO Bret Mitchell announced Thursday its stores will start offering Air Miles rewards to customers starting in February.

"It's really about understanding customers better," Mitchell said in making the announcement to the Halifax Chamber of Commerce during a luncheon Thursday.

The announcement is a part of the NSLC's Five Year

Strategic Plan, which it says will provide better and more personalized service to customers.

Mitchell said by using Air Miles rewards the NSLC can also follow customer-purchasing behaviour and then tailor the shopping experience to them.

He also said the program would help NSLC customers discover new products.

Mitchell said it would

87 The percentage of Nova Scotians who currently have an Air Miles card.

take about a year before the NSLC has gathered enough information to act on.

But that's not all the NSLC has in store.

They're planning to develop a "digital and mobile strategy for customer interaction," Mitchell told those in attendance on Thursday. That plan will eventually include smartphone and tablet apps.

"That will assist customers in their purchase decisions," he said.



► Bret Mitchell

New road-paving crew tarred by own brush

Transportation Minister Bill Estabrooks confirmed the province's newly created road-paving outfit has failed to meet its targets for the year.

But the minister behind Nova Scotia's five-year road plan said the introduction of a provincially owned option in the paving business has driven down prices from private companies.

"We don't have it all completed, that's for sure, particularly when you're talking chip sealing," Estabrooks told reporters Thursday.

"(But) is it a coincidence we're getting cheaper prices (on contract bids), because we literally stuck our toe in to test the waters and see how we're tendering business? It's no coincidence."

Estabrooks was responding to criticism from the Nova Scotia Road Builders Association, which tailed

"Look, the public's going to look at this and say, 'What's this all about? Let's get on with this.'"

TRANSPORTATION MINISTER
BILL ESTABROOKS



the province's crew on jobs throughout August. NSRBA executive director Grant Feltmate alleges the provincial crew accomplished about 10 per cent of their targets for the year.

"Their business plan that they were basing their operations on was unrealistic, unachievable," said Feltmate.

"They said they would do 366 kilometres, 55 double chip seal, 311 single, and ... let's say they did 36 kilometres of double chip seal and no single."

A spokesman for the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal said the numbers related to the paving operation won't be available until next week.

The province re-entered the paving business in March, when Estabrooks announced the government would buy a mobile asphalt plant and a chip-sealing operation. The move was hailed by the union representing highway workers, and panned by opposition parties and the NSRBA.

At the time, the government expected to save \$5 million a year through doing some work in-house. Estabrooks estimated Thursday the government has saved \$1 million to date, and that the \$6-million initiative would pay for itself over the next two years.

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Metro Transit strike possible for holidays

Contract history

► HRM and the union have successfully negotiated six contracts since the last transit strike in 1998.

The union representing Metro Transit operators, ferry staff and maintenance workers says the Halifax Regional Municipality is "setting up" a potential strike.

The Amalgamated Transit Union Local 508, which

represents 763 Metro Transit workers, said the municipality applied for conciliation with the Department of Labour after dealing with the union only once.

"We had one day of bargaining on Sept. 16. The employer and the union met, we exchanged pack-

ages and we booked four more dates," said Kenny Wilson, head of the ATU.

"Then the employer sent me a letter when I was on vacation putting me to conciliation."

HRM spokeswoman Shaune MacKinlay confirmed the municipality is seeking conciliation but said negotiations will continue until they hear back from the province.

Wilson said conciliation opens up the door for a potential lockout or strike, just in time for the holiday season.

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Bluenose II refit \$1M over budget

► Puts total cost for schooner over \$15 million

The province is spending an extra \$1 million to cover cost overruns associated with the refit of the schooner Bluenose II.

Communities, Culture and Heritage Minister Dave Wilson said Thursday the money from his department will be used to bring the vessel up to safety specifications.

He said the money is in addition to the \$14.8 million already budgeted for the refit.

Wilson also said the



"There are certain requirements that are needed to bring it into class, and that's where some of the overruns ... come from."

DAVE WILSON, CULTURE MINISTER

province still hasn't received about \$1 million in funds and assets from the Bluenose II Preservation Trust Society, despite a tentative agreement announced last December with the former operator of the vessel.

He said the province is continuing to talk to Senator Wilfred Moore and that the situation is "complicated." The society, led by Moore, operated the schooner from 1994 to 2005. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Provincial program supports woodlots

Nova Scotia has launched a \$350,000 program to help independent woodlot owners in the eastern part of

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► Amber Kirwan

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Amid scary times, woman wants to nix Halloween

HOLIDAY. A Pictou County woman is calling for Halloween to be cancelled this year in the wake of Tuesday's murder in Trenton and the disappearance of 19-year-old Amber Kirwan earlier this month.

Cathy Van den Eynden's son is now grown, but the former bus driver is worried about her 18 nieces and nephews, who planned to go trick-or-treating this Halloween.

She says that with so many scary things happening in the community, little spooks shouldn't be going door to door this year.

"I'm worried," the Westville woman said. "It's going to be too late if someone goes to the door and someone they don't know tells them to come in, and they go missing like Amber Kirwan."

New Glasgow police Const. Ken MacDonald said trick-or-treaters should take precautions this Halloween, but added his recommendations aren't anything out of the ordinary. **NEW GLASGOW NEWS**

Correction

STORY. In the Thursday, Oct. 27 Metro Halifax story Motion for Fewer Snow Days Gets Frosty Reception, Gina Conrod, Halifax Regional School Board member for District 2, was incorrectly identified. Metro apologizes for the error. **METRO**

We're game for stadium

► If it's one or the other, HRM residents favour a stadium for the city over a convention centre

BY THE NUMBERS

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They say politics is all about choice, and such is the case with the public debate in Halifax

about the convention centre and outdoor stadium.

When we've asked HRM residents if they support the idea of a new convention centre, we have seen responses suggesting in excess of 60 per cent do. Support for a new stadium is even higher.

But when we ask them to make a choice of one or



► The proposed convention centre.

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the other, the stadium wins hands down.

Sixty-one per cent of Haligonians feel the stadium should be the municipality's priority, while 24 per cent favour the convention centre. Another 15 per cent aren't sure.

Our respondents hold

even stronger views about HRM providing funding for the facilities. For the convention centre, 45 per cent outright oppose it. For the stadium, 29 per cent are completely opposed.

As public debate on these possible facilities continues, our recent survey al-

Polling

► The poll sampled 490 HRM residents and carries a margin of error of plus-or-minus 4.7 per cent.

so asked HRM residents what other priorities the city should have at this time. We asked respondents to pick their top three priorities.

Forty per cent selected controlling taxes and managing our finances as No. 1, with 29 per cent feeling improvement to our transportation system and public transport should top on the list. Another 14 per cent wanted upgrades to our streets, sidewalks and other infrastructure.

Rick Emberley is senior counsel with the polling firm MQO Research. He has conducted public-opinion research in the region for over 25 years.



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POWER OUTAGE

Police seek driver

Halifax police are searching for the driver of a stolen truck that slammed into two utility poles Thursday, temporarily knocking out power to hundreds of customers.

Staff Sgt. Bill Morris said an officer came across the pickup truck after it had crashed and severed a power pole

around the corner of Gottingen and North streets.

When the officer approached to check on the male driver, Morris said the vehicle sped off, but not without backing into the police cruiser.

During their search for the driver, officers came across a second power pole that had been struck and damaged by the truck.

The seriously damaged vehicle was later found abandoned on another street.

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Arrest over stolen copper

A second man has been arrested in relation to an estimated \$80,000 in copper stolen from a Dartmouth business last Sunday. Police say a 43-year-old Halifax man was arrested Thursday after a traffic stop in the city.

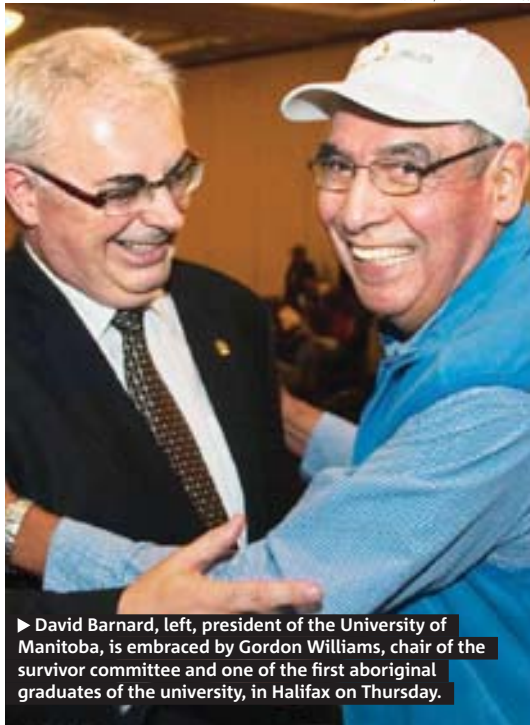
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Police turn up HEAT on crime

Edward Thomas Whitty, 23, was arrested in Sydney on Wednesday in relation to an alleged break-and-enter. Whitty is No. 6 of 10 people police have on their High Risk Enforcement Action Team (HEAT) outstanding warrant list. ● METRO

Apology from university

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► David Barnard, left, president of the University of Manitoba, is embraced by Gordon Williams, chair of the survivor committee and one of the first aboriginal graduates of the university, in Halifax on Thursday.

► President says residential school support was 'a grave mistake'

The president of the University of Manitoba struggled to maintain his composure Thursday as he delivered a public apology for the university's role in perpetuating the damage caused by Canada's native residential schools.

David Barnard appeared before the federal Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which is holding its third round of national hearings in Halifax.

Barnard, his voice often breaking with emotion, said the university had failed to challenge the federal government's policy of forced assimilation that was the central mandate of residential schools for more than 100 years.

"That was a grave mistake," he said, pausing and taking a deep breath. "It is our responsibility. We are

sorry."

He said the physical, sexual and emotional abuses that occurred at the schools were among the most deplorable acts committed at any time in Canada's history.

As well, he said the university played a role in supporting the system by educating clergy, teachers, civil servants and politicians who carried out policies that destroyed the language, culture and traditions of thousands of Metis, Inuit and members of First Nations.

Phil Fontaine, former grand chief of the Assembly of First Nations, witnessed the apology. A graduate of the university and a residential school survivor, Fontaine said the apology represented an important step. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Opening doors to 'history that isn't so boring'

► The My Parks Pass program tries to make national parks and historic sites more accessible for students

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Sightings of a grey lady and finding the arm of a missing sergeant in a drinking well were just some of the spooky stories told to Grade 8 students from Elizabeth Sutherland School atop Citadel Hill on Thursday.

The students were on a tour at the Halifax Citadel National Historic site to raise awareness for the My Parks Pass program.

"To hear the ghost stories is a form a storytelling, and we do teach Canadian identity through art and storytelling," said teacher Lee Kelly. "It's hearing another aspect of our history that isn't so boring."

The program sees a pass given out to each Grade 8 student in Canada so they can access Canada's national parks and historic sites for free.

"We want to try to re-



► Grade 8 students from Halifax's Elizabeth Sutherland School on a ghost tour of Citadel Hill on Thursday.

move the barriers that might make some students or families reluctant to explore national parks and sites," said Bronwyn Graves, program co-ordinator with the Historica-Dominion Institute.

The students gain access to parks and historic sites for one full year with the pass.

The program, now in its second year, gave 400,000 passes to students in Grade 8 across Canada last year.

Sense of identity

► Students can go to myparkspass.ca to learn more about Canada's national parks and historic sites.

"Hopefully we can start building a lifelong interest and passion in their heritage starting at this age," Eric Nielsen with Parks Canada said of the program.

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Hey Gen Y: Let's talk about text

- Some experts fear demise of live conversations may mean fewer ideas
- Occupy Wall Street takes note



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Jari Lompola, a Finnish 20-year-old, has plenty of friends. But he rarely talks to them. Instead he types.

"I send about 50 text messages per day, and send Facebook messages," he explains. "I only call them if there's something urgent."

You can probably relate. You have friends you text, ones you email, some you call. "New media platforms are providing greater freedom for decisions about who to converse with, what those conversations are about, where and when conversations can happen, and how to have them,"

notes Gabriel Harp, research manager for Technology Horizons at the Institute for the Future.

But the migration to the keyboard poses a danger, warns Sherry Turkle, a professor of social sciences at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology: "Teenagers want the control that comes with texting or being able to 'compose' an instant message. This means that they are learning how to 'perform' — in a profile, as an avatar — but not (how to) respond to the give-and-take of conversation."

The disconnect bleeds into many fields. Toronto acting coach Erynn Brook notes: "It's extremely difficult to get younger actors



► Are we all becoming zombified robo-texters?

to connect with their scene partners. Their ability to read subtle cues in body language and tone of voice, and to adapt to the person they're speaking with in a

scene, has taken a dive in the past eight years."

She makes them have a real-life conversation once a day.

That's exactly what the

Occupy Wall Street protesters are doing. The movement was organized online. But because they were aware that texting, tweeting and Facebooking

3,339
Number of text messages the average U.S. teenager sends or receives every month (2010).

14%
Decline in phone calls by U.S. teenagers between 2009 and 2010.

SOURCE: NIELSEN

are not enough, they've created real-life forums, called general assemblies, to discuss ideas. And of course they're standing arm-in-arm on the streets, discussing the cause amongst themselves and to the media. What a cool idea: Maybe this conversation thing will catch on?

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► Residents poured out of the Thai capital
Thursday, heeding government warnings
to evacuate parts of the
flood-threatened metropolis.



Flood danger grows

- Thailand PM calls for residents to leave affected areas
- Close to 400 people have died so far from flooding

Clambering aboard bamboo rafts and army trucks, residents fled waterlogged homes on the outskirts of Thailand's capital on Thursday as floods that have engulfed a third of the country inched closer to downtown areas and foreign governments urged their citizens to avoid non-essential travel to the threatened city.

Most of Bangkok remained dry and most of its more than nine million residents were staying put to protect their homes. Still, uncertainty over the capital's fate and the start of a government-declared five-day holiday fuelled an exodus of people fearing the worst who clogged highways and air terminals to get out of town.

Tears welling in her eyes, Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra acknowledged her government could not control the coming deluge. "What we're doing today is resisting the force of nature," Yingluck told reporters. She said the water bearing down on Bangkok was so massive that "we cannot resist all of it."

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► In this Oct. 25 photo, 24-year-old Iraq War veteran Scott Olsen lies on the ground bleeding from a head wound after being struck by a projectile during an Occupy Wall Street protest in Oakland, Calif.

OWSers rally around Olsen

► Police to probe incident where Iraq War vet suffered fractured skull

The Iraq War veteran who apparently suffered a fractured skull in clashes between police and anti-Wall Street protesters felt so strongly about economic inequality that he left his apartment each night to sleep alongside the demonstrators, his roommate said Thursday.

Scott Olsen, 24, joined

"He felt you shouldn't wait until something is affecting you to get out and do something about it."

KEITH SHANNON, ROOMMATE

the protests in San Francis-

co and Oakland after his day job as a network engineer, Keith Shannon said.

The police action in at least two U.S. states this week has put other Occupy protest camps across the U.S. on edge.

It's not known what object struck Olsen during Tuesday's clash. The group Iraq Veterans Against the

War said police were responsible.

Olsen has become a rallying cry, with demonstrators in the original Occupy Wall Street camp in New York City marching in support of their counterparts in Oakland and a movement website declaring, "We are all Scott Olsen."

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Watchdog sees red over spying plan

► Provisions allowing authorities access to Internet information without court approval raise concern

The federal privacy watchdog says government plans to make electronic surveillance easier for police and spies must include stronger public protections.

In a letter to the public safety minister, Privacy Commissioner Jennifer Stoddart warns against simply resurrecting a trio of previous federal bills to expand surveillance powers.

Stoddart tells Vic Toews these pieces of legislation, which were never passed, endangered privacy.

"In brief, these bills went far beyond simply maintaining investigative capacity or modernizing



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search powers," says the letter, her latest expression of concern about the proposed measures.

"Rather, they added significant new capabilities for investigators to track,

and search and seize digital information about individuals."

The issue, which has arisen periodically since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, pits the desire of intelligence and law-enforcement officials to have easier access to information about people online against the individual's right to privacy.

Toews wasn't available yesterday to discuss the coming legislation. However, his office said the government will strike an appropriate balance between necessary investigative powers and the protection of privacy.

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9 injured in Vancouver plane crash

Nine people were rushed to hospital Thursday after a small plane slammed onto a city street just outside Vancouver's Interna-

tional Airport.

Kelsie Carwithen, with the B.C. Ambulance Service, said five patients were taken to Vancouver General Hospital in critical condition.

She said another four patients were taken to the nearby Richmond General Hospital with injuries that are considered


non-life-threatening.


The plane burst into flames shortly after it crashed as it attempted to return to the airport Thursday afternoon.


It landed near a street leading to the airport, snarling traffic at the peak of the city's afternoon rush home.


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► In this TV frame grab, Rob Ford is ambushed by Mary Walsh, in character as outlandish Marg Delahunty.

Mayor trips over F-word

► Toronto's Rob Ford lashes out after CBC team ambush him at home

Toronto's larger-than-life mayor has landed in another controversy.

Mayor Rob Ford used profanities when he called 911 after a CBC-TV comedy

crew confronted him in his driveway.

Reports said Thursday Ford asked the emergency operator: "Don't you (expletive) know? I'm Rob (ex-

pletive) Ford, the mayor of this city."

Ford, who said he has had death threats, admits being frustrated at the police response time.

"After being attacked in my driveway, I hope I can be excused for saying the F-word," Ford said, adding: "I was very upset."

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Web scoured for tips on killing, court told

Days before three teenage sisters and their father's first wife were found dead in a submerged car, someone was searching on the family computer for tips on murder, a court heard.

Const. Derek Frawley, a police officer who analyzed the family laptop, testified in Kingston Thursday that someone searched for "facts and documentaries on murders" and "where to commit a murder." There were searches for bodies of water, including a map centred on a road adjacent to where the deaths occurred.

Tooba Mohammad Yahya, husband Moham-

mad Shafia and son Hamed Mohammad Shafia have pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder.

The Crown alleges they staged the crash scene to make it look like an accident after being outraged at the "treachery" of the girls for daring to have boyfriends.

Friday, the Kingston jurors were expected to hear expert testimony about how the car ended up submerged in a canal with the victims inside.

On Tuesday, jurors saw how the bodies looked suspended in water as video footage was played.

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News in brief

Town lifts booze ban

CHEERS. The largest dry community in Manitoba is loosening its liquor laws. Steinbach has voted to allow bars and cocktail lounges to operate within city limits.

But some residents fear that allowing bars to operate in the traditionally Mennonite city will lead to public intoxication, alcoholism and drunk-driving.

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MP dodging video queries

MUM'S THE WORD. A Conservative MP who once described homosexuality as a sin is refusing to explain his participation in a video honouring a gay teen who was bul-

lied before his suicide.

In the video, David Sweet repeats the popular slogan geared toward young gays and lesbians, "It Gets Better."

When asked about the video and his past remarks, Sweet's only comment was that he said what he said.

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Song captures Jack's memory

LAYTON LINES. Children's singer Raffi has turned passages from Jack Layton's final letter to Canadians into a song titled Letter To A Nation.

For the chorus Raffi chose the last section of Layton's letter, which reads: "My friends, love is better than anger/ Hope is better than fear/Optimism is better than despair/So let us be loving, hopeful and optimistic/And we'll change the world."

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WHEAT BOARD

Group tries to block lawsuit

A Western farm group is trying to block the Canadian Wheat Board from going to court over the federal government's plan to strip the board of its monopoly powers.

The Western Canadian Wheat Growers have hired their own lawyers and will seek an injunction to would stop the

wheat board from proceeding.

Wheat Growers President Kevin Bender says the wheat board is misusing farmers' money to fight the government.

On Wednesday, wheat board chairman Allen Oberg made good on his promise to go to court to fight the legislation introduced last week.

He says the way Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz is proceeding is illegal and violates the Canadian Wheat Board Act in the way it strips the board of its monopoly over marketing western wheat and barley.

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Deficit may last longer

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▶ Bank predicts slowdown will delay balanced budget until 2016

Two more years

TD Bank calculated that Ottawa is likely to still be \$5.2 billion in the hole in 2014-15, and will record a \$1.8-billion deficit the following year. The surplus in 2016-17 will be an equally tiny \$2.5 billion.

The federal government may need two more years to balance its budget than it originally predicted, says a new analysis that takes into account weakening economic conditions.

During this spring's election campaign, the Harper government announced it would be able to balance the budget in 2014-15, thanks to a new cost-cutting initiative intended to find \$11 billion over four years.

But the TD Bank's analysis taking into account new, more subdued growth projections for the economy suggests that even if Ottawa books all the savings from departmental cuts, it likely won't be enough.

"The private sector consensus is for a more mod-

est economic profile for Canada relative to where things stood," at the time of the budget, the bank said.

"In the absence of any new fiscal restraint measures, there is a risk that the federal government will return to budgetary balance in 2016-17, two years later than previously estimated."

Whether Finance Minister Jim Flaherty meets the hard target may be more a



▶ Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty says Ottawa is on track to balance "in the medium term."

political prerequisite than an economic necessity, given that at the end of the planning horizon the annual shortfalls in the TD calculations represent a mere 0.3 per cent and 0.1 per cent of the size of the economy, respectively. By comparison, the 2009-10 deficit was 3.6 per cent of GDP.

"The size of the deficit is so small as a share of the economy, it really is not a source of concern and so there is not need to introduce additional fiscal restraint," said TD's chief economist Craig Alexander, who met with the minister earlier in the week.

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Social network reaches north

- Facebook building a server farm near the Arctic Circle
- Swedish city of Lulea lies near hydropower stations

Facebook says its new server farm on the edge of the Arctic Circle — its first outside the U.S. — will improve performance for European users of the social networking site.

After reviewing potential sites across Europe, Facebook confirmed Thursday it had picked the northern Swedish city of Lulea for the data centre partly because of the cold climate — crucial for keeping the servers cool — and access to renewable energy from nearby hydropower facilities.

The move reflects the growing international presence of the California-based site, which counts 800 mil-



► An artist's drawing of Facebook's new server farm.

lion users worldwide.

"Facebook has more users outside the U.S. than inside," Facebook director of site operations Tom Furlong told The Associated Press. "It was time for us to expand in Europe."

He said European users would get better performance from having a node for data traffic closer to them. Facebook currently

stores data at sites in California, Virginia and Oregon and is building another facility in North Carolina.

The Lulea data centre, which will consist of three 28,000-square-metre server buildings, is scheduled for completion by 2014. The site will need 120 MW of energy, fully derived from hydropower.

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Power. Supply



► A customer looks at the new electric car charging station on Thursday in South Burlington, Vt.

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An electrifying landmark

On Wednesday, Green Mountain Power and Healthy Living Market unveiled the charging station that will be free for the first year. Sculptor Kat Clear added a metal tree to the exterior of the station.

Coldplay shuns streaming

British band Coldplay is withholding its latest album, Mylo Xyloto, from

all-you-can-listen streaming services such as Spotify and Rhapsody — making it the biggest band yet to express reservations about a system that pays artists a fraction of a penny every time someone listens to a song.

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1 Rob Ford “ambushed”! Toronto’s mayor dialed 911 Monday morning after he was the “victim” of an early-morning “ambush” by Mary Walsh from CBC’s satirical show “This Hour Has 22 Minutes.” Dressed as her alter-ego character Marg Delahunty, Warrior Princess, she came to Ford’s home to ask about his sinking polls. Ford’s brother Doug hadn’t heard of Margaret Atwood, so maybe he hadn’t heard of Mary Walsh? Or satire?

2 Phil Kessel: If you’re looking for a bandwagon to jump on right now Leafs Nation, try Phil Kessel’s. The Toronto Maple Leaf right winger is off to a blazing start and leads the NHL in both goals and points. Things are going so well for him — finally — that he’s decided to join the Twitter universe (@pkessel81), and already is nearing 30,000 followers.

3 Steve Jobs biography: Steve Jobs, a just-released biography of the Apple co-founder by Walter Isaacson, says Jobs came up with the company’s iconic name while he was on a diet of fruits and vegetables, on his “frutitarian diet.” Jobs thought the name sounded “fun, spirited and not intimidating.” I’m naming my next company Bananas.

4 You’re Not Alone: With suicide being the second leading cause of teen deaths in Canada, Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences (OntarioShores.ca) has introduced a wonderful new adolescent mental-health-awareness curriculum. It’s being piloted at 17 high schools in Ontario to encourage adolescents with mental-health concerns to get help. Let’s hope this “You’re Not Alone” campaign spreads to all schools.

5 The Cult of Lego: The new coffee-table book The Cult of Lego is for Adult Fans of LEGO, or AFOLs, who have a borderline obsession with these colourful plastic bricks. It’s an inside look at the community of serious adult LEGO fans and builders, and the scale replicas they’ve done, from a 80,000-brick T. Rex skeleton to micro-scale versions of landmarks like Yankee Stadium. I’m holding out for a Tonka Truck collector’s book.

6 Buffalo in Toronto: This Sunday, Canada gets another taste of what it would be like to have an NFL franchise, when the Buffalo Bills play a “home” game against the Washington Redskins at Rogers Centre. While the response to this Bills series in TO has been largely indifferent in recent years, it should be much fuller for the re-energized 4-2 Bills than it’s been for Argos games this year. The “Argooooos” are 4-12.

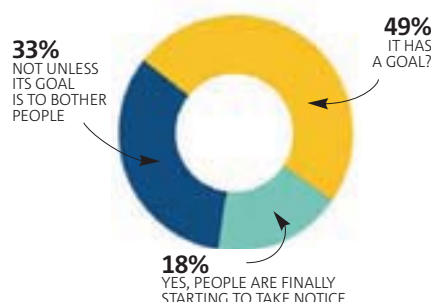
7 Best inexpensive vinos: A new book with the great title Unquenchable: A Tippy Quest for the World’s Best Bargain Wines was released this week by renowned Canadian food writer Natalie MacLean. It’s based on her worldwide adventure to wineries and vineyards in the search for the best value bottles. I’ll be reading it over my bottle of 1811 Château d’Yquem. I wish.

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Worth Mentioning

COWGIRL GETS HER DUE. Sandra Day O'Connor made her mark in history as the first woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, but she's still a hardworking cowgirl at heart, she said Wednesday.

An exhibit about her life opens this week at the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, a tribute to the 30th anniversary of her appointment to the high court.

“It is odd that a cowgirl ended up on the court, isn’t it?” she said Wednesday, joking that her 1981 nomination by president Ronald Reagan stemmed from his own love of ranching. “Probably because I had grown up on the back of a horse, he had more interest in me than other candidates.”

O'Connor, 81, an El Paso native, spent summers on her family's Arizona ranch. She said her time on the ranch taught her responsibility and how to solve problems on her own.

“Cowboys don’t spend a lot of time telling you things. They just expect you to get things done and done right,” O'Connor said. “But it’s a great way to grow up.”

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Local tweets



- **@concreteorange:** Tall ships in Halifax: expect a call from acquaintances and relatives you haven't heard from in years announcing “long-overdue” visit
- **@theycr:** Was just told that a few coyotes are by shoreline trail in back of oakfield park. Shhh you can hear them calling #halifax
- **@aliciakhoyt:** It's really not fair that we get 9 months of winter and only 3 months of summer. #halifax #novascotia #imcold
- **@KathiNeil:** Feels like snow here in Halifax today — figures almost Halloween!!
- **@SmartWon86:** The winds have a winter'esque tang to them this afternoon in the south end of #Halifax #NovaScotia #Canada.
- **@simmshe:** QE II Home Lottery sold out hours before early bird deadline. Guess no reason to buy a month early? glad it's a good cause.#halifax
- **@itybits2a6:** @rihanna I would give my first child if u came back to Halifax for a solo show!! You're an inspiration <3

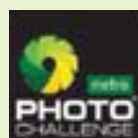


photo of the day



► This photo titled Smells yummy, can I taste it was submitted to the Photo of the Day category by windbell from British Columbia.

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WEIRD NEWS

Britain didn't want a piece of Saddam

An English auction house says it failed to sell a chunk of buttock from the toppled statue of Iraq's ex-dictator Saddam Hussein.

Charles Hanson, of Hansons Auctioneers, said Thursday that bids for the relic — which he claimed had been chiselled from the infamous monument — failed to meet a six-figure reserve price.

Offers for the artifact, obtained by

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► The statue of Saddam Hussein is toppled in Baghdad on April 9, 2003.

ex-British special forces soldier Nigel Ely after American soldiers toppled the bronze statue in Baghdad in April 2003, reached \$34,000.

Hanson had expected international attention for what he described as the “backside of Saddam.”

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Synopsis

With a plot that mixes themes from history and Shakespeare's plays, Anonymous uses the backdrop of the struggle for succession between the Tudors and the Cecils as the Essex rebellion moves against Queen Elizabeth I (Vanessa Redgrave) to set the scene for the debut of Shakespeare's plays. But were they actually written by Shakespeare? The movie supposes it was Edward De Vere, Earl of Oxford (Rhys Ifans), who penned plays attributed to William Shakespeare.

Ratings:

Richard: 8111
Mark: 811

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▶ Pageantry geeks will swoon for the production design in Anonymous.

To see, or not to see

▶ Anonymous stumbles in places, but there's plenty for theatre buffs to swoon over

Richard: Mark, this is a sprawling story with many twists and turns. The downside is the film's sketchy casting. In flashbacks the queen and Edward appear to be the same age, but later after a major twist, are revealed to be 16 years apart. This kind of lack of attention to detail makes it difficult to follow the story in the first hour. Soon enough, however, all the players are straightened away and the pleasures of the story take hold.

MB: Sorry, but is the authorship of Shakespeare's plays a burning issue for anyone? Whenever they try to make Shakespeare 'sexy'

I want to hurl. And yet, there were a lot of things to like about the movie. Pageantry geeks will swoon for the production design, theatre buffs will groove to the re-creations of the Elizabethan stage, and middle age women will get hot flashes at all the bodice ripping. But why was the story so hard to follow?

RC: It's hard to follow because it assumes we know the political history and can juggle an abundance of powdered wigs with royal titles, many of whom kind of look alike. Having said that though, I think Ifans is terrific here. A little of him usually goes a long way but he's doing

some interesting work here.

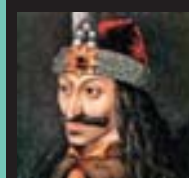
MB: Is it racist to say that all British fops in the same facial hair look alike? I hope not ... You're right about Ifans — he's the soul of a very messy movie and anchors it with his sad eyes. Lots of good acting, (David Thewlis, Joely Richardson, and Sebastian Armesto as Ben Johnson) and lots of good overacting, too, from the rest of the cast. One of the things that will jolt most viewers is the way Shakespeare himself is portrayed — as a murderous, scheming, illiterate; so antithetical to our reverence for the man that I found it quite un-

nering.

RC: I don't think Anonymous has much to do with historical fact — there is no real life evidence that the Earl of Oxford penned the plays — it's just a palette for a twisted tale about how politics and art intersect, and the written word's ability to instigate change.

MB: I know that's what the movie aims for, but it doesn't quite pull it off. There are two stories here: one is a literary biopic, the other a political thriller, and they don't exactly mesh. But I think it's a movie that would become clearer after a second viewing.

2 scene

Scene in brief

The truth is out: Prince Charles says he is related to Vlad the Impaler, the cruel 15th-century Romanian warlord who helped inspire Bram Stoker's 1897 vampire novel Dracula. He makes the comments on an upcoming TV show to promote his interest in protecting the forests of Romania's Transylvania region.

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**Puss in Boots****Genre:** Animation/Comedy**Director:** Chris Miller**Stars:** Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek

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A spin-off of the Shrek series, Puss in Boots returns Antonio Banderas to the character he was born to voice. An outlaw cat with Latin attitude, Puss seeks

out riches in magic beans that grow into that fabled giant beanstalk that leads to the goose that lays golden eggs. While the plot and forced parody of fairy tale folklore could use some refinement, most characters, slick animation and the Zorro-like adventure keep Puss purring along.

● STEVE GOW

**The Rum Diary****Genre:** Drama**Director:** Bruce Robinson**Stars:** Johnny Depp, Giovanni Ribisi, Aaron Eckhart

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On paper, the Rum Diary sounds like a can't-miss film: Johnny Depp taking on another semi-autobiographical Hunter S. Thompson character, with counterculture director Bruce Robinson coming out of a long and happy retirement to bring it to life. Unfortunately, there wasn't an

equally impressive editor on board to keep the two in line as they pay tribute to the late Thompson. Based on a manuscript left hidden in the author's attic until he and Depp found it and decided to publish it, the Rum Diary is a bit all over the place and unpolished as a book. And it appears a reverence for Thompson kept the filmmakers from addressing those problems in the transition to the screen.

● NED EHRBAR

**In Time****Genre:** Action**Director:** Andrew Niccol**Stars:** Justin Timberlake, Amanda Seyfried

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He may be able to sing and dance but Justin Timberlake is no movie star and In Time is proof of that. A sci-fi thriller that stalls in the

opening minutes, In Time attempts to posit a future where time is literally money. While hotel rooms will cost months off your mortality in the future, this heavy-handed Twilight Zone-like spectacle will only cost you about 2 hours—but even that won't be worth it. ● STEVE GOW

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Murphy, Stiller live up to tall order in Heist

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It's hard to believe that two of the most prominent figures in modern comedy, Eddie Murphy, 50, and Ben Stiller, 45, hadn't crossed paths before their most recent release, *Tower Heist*.

But not surprisingly, the two were anxious to work together for this movie, which was largely improvised. "The comedy comes out of the characters so for me, I wasn't looking to see how funny I could be," Stiller says.

"And then of course when you have Eddie Murphy in the movie, it takes a lot of the pressure off. I was really happy he was in the film. I never look to be funnier because that just doesn't work. Does that make sense?"

Stiller pauses in front of a packed room of journalists mocking himself with an imaginary headline. "Stiller: Not Looking to be Funnier. Maybe he should," he says.

Murphy had the original idea for *Tower Heist* years ago, though it's since been

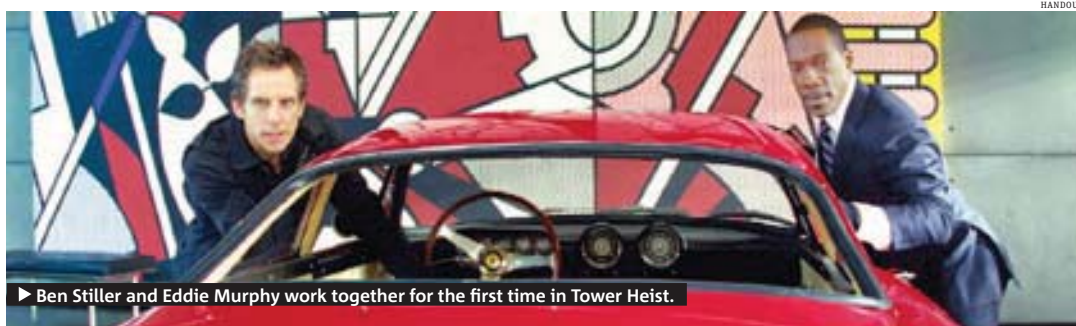
given a very timely twist.

It centres around a Bernie Madoff-like businessman (played by Alan Alda) who swindles his employees out of their pensions. Angered by the fraud, some rogue vigilantes out of the group devise a plan to steal the money back. Given that the 'Occupy' movement persists in the U.S. and elsewhere, Stiller noted the connection between the film and the headlines.

"I think there's a lot of frustration out there that's valid and that's probably what the Occupy Wall Street is an expression of," he says.

"There's a lot of frustration in terms of where we're at in this economic situation and so I understand where it's coming from."

But don't get them wrong. *Tower Heist* is no grim exploration of dire economic times. With the ensemble cast that includes Casey Affleck, Matthew Broderick, Michael Pena and Gabourey Sidibe, there were many spontaneously hilarious moments in the film.



► Ben Stiller and Eddie Murphy work together for the first time in *Tower Heist*.

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The Young Werewolves aren't a Halloween novelty. Since 2002, the Philly-based band has been pumping out a punky brand of rockabilly. We checked in with front gr-rri (pardon the puns) and bassist Dana Kain for her ultimate Halloween playlist, and she didn't disappoint. If you resort to Monster Mash after this, we're siccing our new friends on you.

1. Skulls, Misfits

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2. Everyday is Halloween, Ministry

This song mashes a New Wave-meets-early Steam-punk style, perfect for the haunting season. It's a great track to carve pumpkins to.

3. I Put a Spell on You, Screamin' Jay Hawkins

This track oozes spookabilly garage-ness.

4. Werewolf Fever, The Young Werewolves

We can cherry-pick anything out of our catalog, but this was the first song we learned together during early auditions. The lyrics got changed a couple of times during the process. It's from our debut CD, currently out of print.

5. Jump in the Line, Harry Belafonte

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ROCKET MAN LOOKING TO LIFT OFF ONCE AGAIN

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Before you ask, William Shatner knows that he has a, uh, distinctive singing style.

And he's okay with that. "My intentions for The Transformed Man (Shatner's 1968 debut record) was to combine great literature of the past with great song lyrics of the present," he says, "but not everyone understood that."

"I was invited on The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson to perform. But in rehearsals, the producer said 'Bill, this is a six minute piece. Do either the literature or the song because you can't do both.' So I did the song."

"As I was doing my thing, I looked over at Carson who mouthed to Ed McMahon 'What. The. F-ck? It wasn't my finest hour.'"

The Transformed Man languished for years and nothing else was forthcoming from Captain Kirk. Until, that is, a young musician named Ben Folds found a copy and became



► William Shatner

transfixed with it. That led to some collaborations on Folds' 1998 album, Fear of Pop. Then in 2004, Folds produced Has Been, a Shatner album that featured everyone from Aimee Man to Henry Rollins to British writer Nick Hornby. His cover of Pulp's Common People became something of an alt-radio hit.

Things snowballed. A ballet — William Shatner's Gonzo Ballet — was staged by a company in Milwaukee to great acclaim. Which brings us to Seeking Major Tom.

"We came up with this concept of exploring what happened to Bowie's Major Tom character after he left the capsule. That story is told through a series of 20 science fiction-theme songs featuring some of the biggest names in music."

The album features Peter Dinklage, Dave Davies (The Kinks), Mike Inez (Al-

ice in Chains), Nick Valensi (The Strokes), Sheryl Crow, Zakk Wylde, Alan Parsons and Brad Paisley. There's a video for Bohemian Rhapsody. I especially like his take on Sabbath's Iron Man. And the last time I checked, the album was at No. 112 on the Billboard charts.

"The vinyl version is destined to become a collector's item," he says. And he's not wrong. It's been released as a very limited edition.

"Do you have any vinyl copies of The Transformed Man left?" I ask.

"Are you kidding?" he smiles. "I've got a garage full of 'em, still in the shrinkwrap. Imagine that."

How Time Flies with William Shatner rolls into Massey Hall in Toronto on Nov. 3 and Place des Arts in Montreal Nov. 4.

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Jonah Hill gets animated

► Hollywood funnyman premieres new cartoon series he produces called *Allen Gregory* ► Show airs Sunday night, alongside *Family Guy*, *The Simpson*

Film star Jonah Hill says he was keen to create an animated TV series because it allowed him to tackle roles he wouldn't otherwise get. Specifically, a pompous seven-year-old trying to make it through first grade.

"I couldn't play that in real life," Hill noted dryly in a recent conference call with reporters to promote his new series, *Allen Gregory*.

The *Superbad* star created, writes, produces and provides the lead voice in the new Fox series about a privileged home-schooled kid who's every bit as pretentious as his full name – *Allen Gregory De Longpre*.

The bespectacled *Allen Gregory* may be young, but he seems to have accomplished much: he claims to have composed operas, lobbied congress, written novels and dated actress *Chloe Sevigny*.

But his greatest challenge could be one most kids take in stride – when his wealthy parents fall on hard times, they return to the work force and send *Allen Gregory* to elementary school. Things do not go smoothly.

"Anyone catch *Charlie Rose* the evening before last?" the pint-sized snob asks classmates while pouring himself a glass of wine at the lunch table.

It's basically your classic fish-out-of-water tale, says Hill, noting the tough-talking *Allen Gregory* reveals himself to be an awkward

outsider who just wants to fit in.

"He has all this false bravado and condescension and arrogance and everything, but it's all covering up the fact that he's just insecure and wants to be accepted by these people," says Hill, who created the show with writing partners *Jarrad Paul* and *Andrew Mogel*.

Hill gained notoriety as a potty-mouthed sidekick in 2007's *Superbad*, was part of *Seth Rogen's* uncouth cadre in *Knocked Up*, and played a struggling stand-up comic in *Funny People*. The 27-year-old says he's deeply involved in the minutiae of *Allen Gregory*, which airs on *Global* in Canada.

Everything from how a lamp looks to what colour someone's tie should be, up to the jokes," says Hill, who produces the comedy, "*The Sitter*," where he plays an ir-

responsible babysitter.

"It's just such a wonderful process and when I'm off shooting a movie, I'll write and read scripts at

night and give notes, and watch cuts and give notes, and rewrite and do all that stuff from set."

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► The new series tells the story of *Allen Gregory De Longpre*, a pretentious seven-year-old, voiced by *Jonah Hill*.



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'I just fell on my face': Steven Tyler

Steven Tyler had a painful fall in his hotel room while on tour in Paraguay, but he insists it was food poisoning and not a relapse.

"I started to get sick, and I just fell on my face," he says in an interview with The Today Show. "I just passed out."

The American Idol judge and Aerosmith frontman, who has battled drug and alcohol dependence in the past, understands why some people won't believe his story.

"I get that people think that," he says. "It still bothers me a little, but it's something that I have to have to deal with for the rest of my life." ● METRO

MJ still raking in cash

Michael Jackson has topped Forbes magazine's list of top-earning dead celebrities.

The King of Pop brought in approximately \$170 million between October 2010 and October 2011, according to the magazine.

And while the Jackson estate earned more than \$100 million the previous year — when he also took the top spot on this list — he's still far ahead of Elvis Presley, who takes second place this year with \$55 million.

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Bruce Willis has fatherhood, killing Ashton on his mind

Bruce Willis and his wife, Emma Heming, are reportedly expecting their first child together, according to Life & Style.

"Emma is showing," a source says.

The pair married in 2009.

Unfortunately, Willis' celebration may be tempered by the personal troubles of his ex-wife, Demi Moore, caused by Ashton Kutcher's cheating scandal.

"When Bruce found out, he flipped. He plans to confront Ashton and give him a huge talking-to," the source says.

"Bruce believes if you mess with someone he loves, you mess with him. He trusted Ashton not to hurt his family and is planning to give him a piece of his mind. When he finally catches up with him it won't be pretty."

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Bruce Willis and Emma Heming

- ▶ Aerosmith frontman denies any kind of alcohol or drug relapse
- ▶ Says he had food poisoning



▶ Steven Tyler

SNOOKI'S WORDS OF (AHEM) WISDOM

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I'm going to send you into the weekend with two bits of depressing information.

1. Snooki is a

New York Times bestseller for this year's magnum opus, A Shore Thing.

2. She has yet another book out called Confessions of a Guidette, which promises to help you join the Snooki Style Revolution (considering she looks like a bad witch Oompa-Loompa, this is one revolution I will not be signing up for).

So for your reading pleasure, here are some outtakes of this work of art, which Snooki is currently promoting.

"A guidette has to know how to have fun anywhere. Like, if you're stuck in a cardboard box, you have to rock it."



▶ Nicole (Snooki) Polizzi

"My biggest nightmare is waking up pale. Or without eyelashes."

NICOLE (SNOOKI) POLIZZI

"LOVE my slippers. It's like wearing beds on your feet."

"If you can smell hair gel from a mile away, it signals guido mating season."

If I'm stuck in a cardboard box, I'd probably yell for help instead of trying to rock out. But then again, I'm not a best-selling author, so what do I know?

Drink and be very scary



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While Justin Timberlake and the guys from The Lonely Island are today's golden boys of Saturday Night Live, I remember when Dan Aykroyd ruled. I met Mr. Ghostbuster and he's a cool guy with a knack for marketing—especially when it comes to booze.

Though available all year long, his hard liquor masterpiece Crystal Head Vodka (\$44.98 - \$59.95) is the ultimate adult indulgence at Halloween.

Conceived as an ode to whatever they were talking about in that last Indiana Jones movie, the made in Newfoundland spirit is quadruple-distilled and triple-filtered through Herkimer diamond crystals. Sure, the gemstone filtration is a gimmick, but the vodka is smooth and sophisticated with a light touch of anise-like flavour. Did I mention it comes in a funky skull-shaped bottle?

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Set the scary mood by serving your family and guests a dip that is dangerously delicious.

Leave out the eye of newt and toe of frog and add a hint of cumin and a clove of garlic to the recipe for Grave Yard Goop.

Buttering and baking the flour tortillas will make the dipping 'tombstones' sweet and savoury.

This frightfully delightful dip is sure to help ward off vampires and creatures of the night as well.

Preparation:

1 In food processor, puree beans until fairly smooth. Add cream cheese, onions and cream and puree until smooth. Pulse in Cheddar cheese, garlic and cumin until combined.

2 Spread the mixture into 9 or 10-inch (23 or 25 cm) pie plate and sprinkle olives in centre. Sprinkle lettuce around edges. Then cover and refrigerate it for at least 30 minutes.

3 Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Cut out ghostly shapes like tombstones, cats and pumpkins out of flour tortillas. Brush with butter and place on large baking sheet. Bake for about 8 minutes or until just golden. Let cool completely.

4 Place some toasted tortillas into the dip to create a graveyard scene and serve remaining ones alongside. **EMILY RICHARDS FOR DAIRYGODNESS.CA (EMILY IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)**

Ingredients:

- 1 can (19 oz/540 mL) black beans, drained and rinsed
- ½ cup (125 mL) Canadian cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup (50 mL) finely diced onion
- ¼ cup (50 mL) 5% light, 10% half-and-half or 18% table cream
- ¾ cup (175 mL) shredded Canadian Cheddar cheese
- 1 large clove garlic, minced
- ½ tsp (2 mL) ground cumin
- 1 can (200 mL) ripe sliced olives, drained and rinsed
- ½ cup (125 mL) shredded romaine lettuce or baby spinach
- 4 small whole grain flour tortillas
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) butter, melted

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Healthy Treats



Here are ideas from the Mayo Clinic for a healthier Halloween:

- Allow your kids to swap candy for a special toy, game or movie night.
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▶ You only need five ingredients and some spices for this fish dish

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Cooking rainbow trout in a foil package is a simple way to prepare the ever-popular fish.

A spoonful of Dijon mustard will add a new twist to this main-course dish, which is paired with a tasty vegetable medley.

Preparation:

- 1 Lay out a sheet of aluminum foil large enough to encase fillets on a work surface. Place

olive oil in middle and top with trout.

- 2 Spread Dijon mustard on top of trout. Place vegetables on and around fish. Season with salt and pepper.

- 3 Fold foil over fish and vegetables, folding in ends and crimping edges to seal pouch. Place pouch on a baking sheet and bake in a 245 C (475 F) oven for 30 minutes.

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Ingredients:

- 4 rainbow trout fillets
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Bluenoser wins Pan Am silver

► Tara's crew place second behind Cuba in 1,000-metre race ► Next up is 200-metre final in Mexico

Waverley kayaker Connor Taras put Nova Scotia back on the podium at the Pan American Games on Thursday in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Taras and his K-4 1,000-metre crew featuring Richard Dober Jr. of Cap-de-la-Madeleine, Que., Philippe Duscheneau of St-Denis-de-Brompton, Que., and Toronto's Steven Jorens raced to silver with a time of three minutes, 2.653 seconds.

Cuba won gold in 3:01.061, while Brazil (3:02.821) took the bronze.

"It was great to be on the podium and it was rewarding after a long year of hard work. It sets the mood for the rest of the regatta," Taras said.

Added Duscheneau: "It was a smart race. We stuck

"It was a great race, probably one of the best K-4 races I've ever had."

WAVERLEY'S CONNOR TARAS ON HIS SILVER MEDAL WINNING RACE

to our plan perfectly and I am happy about the result. We were really relaxed and in control, compared with a lot of K-4 races I've competed in."

Taras was Nova Scotia's second paddling medalist at the Games. Dartmouth's Una Louder was part of a gold-medal-winning women's K-4 team on Wednesday.

Taras also had a good day in the K-1 200, earning a victory in his opening heat to advance to the final.

Richard Dalton of Halifax (C-1 200) and Ryan Cochrane of Hammonds Plains (K-2 200) also qualified for finals.

Emilie Fournel of Lachine, Que., also reached the K-1 200 final finishing second in her heat. She is also in the K-1 500 final set for Friday. The finals for the other events mentioned are all on Saturday.

Fournel, in both her finals, as well as Dalton and Cochrane's K-2 team, can earn Olympic spots for Canada with gold-medal performances.

Also vying for Olympic spots on Friday will be Dartmouth's Andrew Russell and his partner Gabriel Beauchesne-Séguin of Trois-Rivières, Que., in the C-2. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/METRO**



► Waverley's Connor Taras competes at the 2009 world sprint canoe-kayak championships in Dartmouth.

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No. 1 within Moose's reach

The Halifax Mooseheads are closing in on the Saint John Sea Dogs for top spot in the QMJHL's Maritime Division.

Halifax takes a 10-5 record into the weekend, four points behind the defending Memorial Cup champion Sea Dogs, 12-5. The Mooseheads have two games in hand.

Saint John is second overall, two points behind the league-leading Victoriaville Tigres, 13-6.

Halifax, which hasn't won a division title since



► Jonathan Drouin

2007-08, has won seven of its past eight games and visits the third-place Val-d'Or Foreurs, 9-8-2, on Friday at 8:30 p.m. and Saturday at 8 p.m.

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Russell to check in on Drouin

Mooseheads GM Cam Russell will stay in Quebec after the road trip concludes to scout Jonathan Drouin, the team's 2011 second overall draft pick.

► Drouin, 16, plays for the Lac St-Louis Lions and leads the Quebec midget AAA ranks in scoring with 34 points in 12 games.

Dollard takes skills to Europe

Former Halifax Rainmen

star Josh Dollard has signed a one-year contract with Sluneta Usti nad Labem of the Czech Republic's top professional league.

The six-foot-eight power forward was one of the Rainmen's

top players last season, averaging 17.1 points and 8.3 rebounds. The Rainmen had hoped to re-sign him, adding him to their National Basketball League of Canada

protected list in the off-season, but are now looking elsewhere to upgrade their roster for their Nov. 3 opener against the London Lightning.

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► Saint Mary's Huskies forward Cam Fergus.

Better late than never for Huskies' Fergus

► Forward an unexpected late addition to Huskies' lineup ► Veteran eyes 3rd title of five-year AUS career



MATTHEW WUEST
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For a player with such an impressive resume, Saint Mary's Huskies centre Cam Fergus is flying well below the radar this season.

You won't find him listed in his team's game program, nor will you see a name bar sewn to the back of his jersey, at least not yet.

Fergus wasn't expected to play for the Huskies this season, but ended up back at Saint Mary's at the last minute when things didn't pan out with the East Coast Hockey League's Elmira Jackals.

"I tried to land a pro job, but, obviously, it didn't work out," Fergus said. "I'm happy to be back. I love it here."

The former Cape Breton Screaming Eagles star adds

Upcoming games

The Saint Mary's Huskies wrap up a five-game homestand on the weekend with games against the St. Thomas Tommies (0-4) on Friday and Moncton Aigles Bleus (3-1) on Saturday at the Forum.

some much-needed scoring punch to the Huskies' lineup. He is a two-time Atlantic University Sport all-star and the highest-scoring active player in the conference, 44th all-time with 161 points in 111 games.

With three all-Canadians gone from the Huskies' 2010 national champion, as well as three AUS all-stars, two captains and an ex-NHLer, Fergus is now the Huskies' main man up front.

"I'm just here to help the guys, to do whatever (the coaches) need me to do," Fergus said. "If it's to score goals, I'll score goals, if it's to block shots, I'll block shots, if it's to motivate guys, I'll do that. I'm just happy to be here."

The 25-year-old is gunning for the third straight AUS championship of his career. Despite the Huskies' 2-3 start, he said it's within reach.

"This program's goal is to compete for championships and I don't think that changes," he said. "We're in it to win."

As for that name bar on his jersey? He's not sure when it's coming, if at all.

"I've been bugging our equipment guys to get one," Fergus said. "Maybe I'll just stay stealth this year and not let anybody know who I am."

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World Series



► Nelson Cruz celebrates with Rangers teammate Mike Napoli after hitting a solo home run Thursday in Game 6 of the World Series. The game was still in progress at press time, the Cards having tied the score 7-7 in the ninth inning on a two-out, two-run triple by David Freese.

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PAN AM GAMES

Canada strikes soccer gold

Canada's women's soccer team claimed its first Pan American Games gold medal in dramatic

fashion Thursday.

Christine Sinclair scored in the 88th minute to tie the score 1-1 as Canada went on to a 4-3 shootout win over Brazil, a welcome boost to a team coming off a heart-breaking performance at the women's World Cup.

Diana Matheson, Sinclair, Melanie Booth and Sophie Schmidt

scored in the shootout for Canada, while veteran Canadian goalkeeper Karina LeBlanc stopped shot by Brazil's Grazielle Nascimento and Debora De Oliveira to cement the victory. In November, he was hospitalized with pneumonia and Feller was recently released into hospice care.

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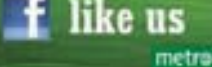
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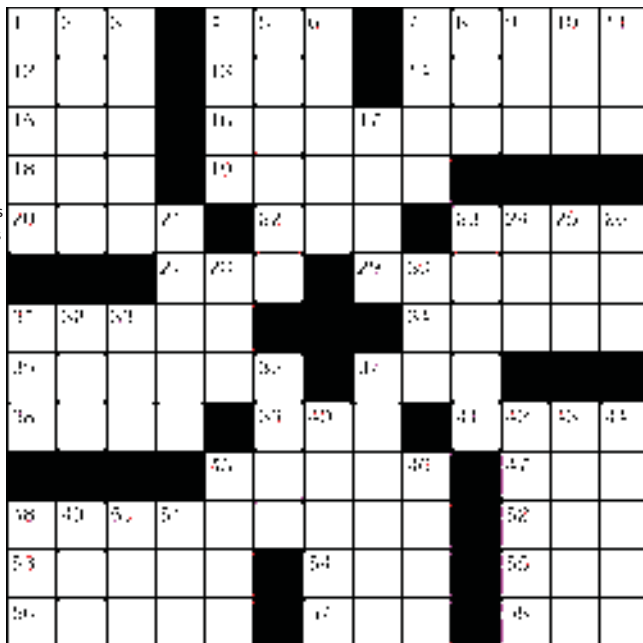
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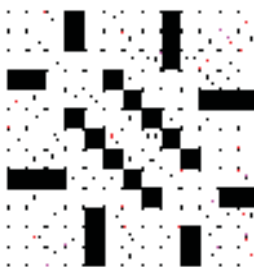
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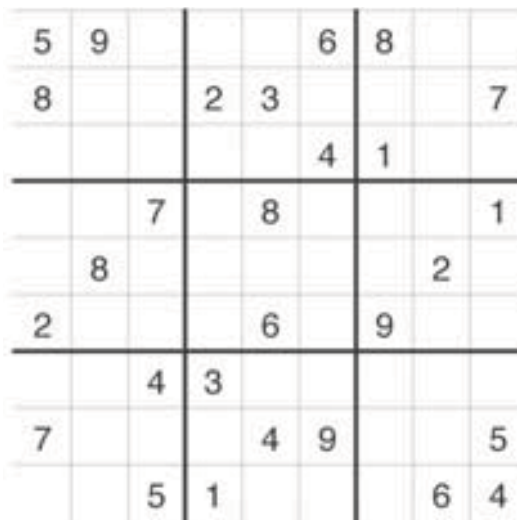
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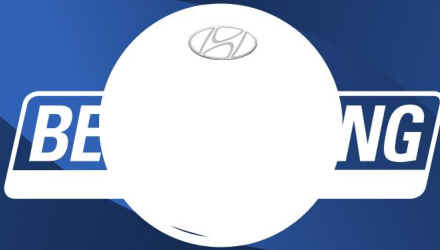


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58 MPG*

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